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Ninilchik

Traditional Council
offices will be CLOSED
Friday, December 23rd
and
Monday, December 26th
for the
Christmas Holiday.

Merry Christmas!



Ninilchik Traditional Council

The Ninilchik Traditional Council traces its roots back to the first Native communities located around the Cook Inlet and surrounding area. Tribal boundaries extend from South of the Kasilof River to Homer and East from the Caribou Hills across the Cook Inlet to Mt. Redoubt.

Elders Information Meeting/Luncheon

Attention Tribal Elders!

Come join Anna Grant every 3rd Wednesday of the month (next one is Dec. 21st) for a fabulous luncheon at the Subsistence Building! Every other month the Elders discuss Tribal issues at the luncheon. Join us for door prizes, fun and food!

For more information, please call Anna Grant at 567-3370.

Congratulations to
Our newly elected Board Members,
Anna Grant and Kenny Odman!

The NTC Board of Directors: 2005—2006

President/Chairman: David Cooper, Jr.

Vice President: Richard G. Encelewski

Secretary/Treasurer: Michelle Steik

Director: Anna Grant

Director: Kenny Odman

Regular Council Meeting

Open to all Tribal Members.

The next regular Council meeting has been scheduled for December 12th, 2005 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room at the NTC main office. Come join us for lots of food, information and a door prize of \$100.00!

Call 567-3313 for more information.

RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

TAKE BACK YOUR SUBSISTENCE RIGHTS

In 2001, NTC submitted a proposal for rural residents of Ninilchik to have a positive Customary and Traditional Use Determination for subsistence fishing on Federal public lands (lands of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and Chugach National Forest).

The Federal Subsistence Board (FSB) deferred this proposal until 2005 because they didn't feel they had enough information to make a decision. The Federal Subsistence Board will meet January 10-12, 2006 in Anchorage, to decide whether or not Ninilchik residents will be able to have subsistence fisheries on Federal public lands. Some State and Federal agencies are adamantly opposed to Ninilchik getting a subsistence preference and they will be at the FSB to voice their objection.

WE NEED YOU! Those of you who have historically and/or currently harvest ANY fish (e.g. Dolly Varden, trout, salmon, etc.) species on waters of the Kenai Refuge or the Chugach National Forest (e.g. Tustumena Lake, Swanson River, headwaters of Kenai River, etc.) are going to be a critical component to getting a subsistence determination.

Any use of the resource is important, even if it doesn't seem significant.

This is your opportunity. If the FSB does not give a positive subsistence determination to Ninilchik now, residents will likely never have a subsistence preference, which is why we must form a united front now. This proposal is not just for tribal members; it is for all rural residents of Ninilchik. **EVERY PERSON COUNTS!**

Testimony in person is the best avenue, but letters of support or speaking via teleconference will also work. Please contact Darrel Williams or Sarah Dyrdaahl at NTC's Environmental Office 567-4394 and we will give you more information and/or help you through the process.



*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed it's the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead*



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ADDRESS

Ivan Encelewski

Ninilchik Traditional Council

Executive Director

Communications Training! On November 17th and 18th, NTC Staff attended an on-site training called “The Essentials of Communicating with Diplomacy and Professionalism”, put on by SkillPath Seminars. The sessions focused on inter-communication techniques between staff and clients. Some of the topics covered were techniques for handling disagreements, maintaining a high level of credibility, enhancing your listening skills, recognizing other behavioral styles and how to modify yourself in order to more effectively relate to people with different personalities. In my opinion this was an excellent training and from all the positive verbal testimonies I heard after the training, I believe all NTC staff benefited immensely. A personal “Thank You” to Debra Henderson, NTC Procurement Officer, for bringing this training to our attention and suggesting that all employees participate in this constructive training.

2005 Annual NTC Board Retreat! On November 16th, the NTC Board of Directors had their Annual Board Retreat at the Alaska Center for Creative Renewal in Halibut Cove. This is a time where the Board looks back at the past and plans their goals and objectives for the future. Some of the discussion items were ways of creating a more efficient, resourceful and professional atmosphere for the employees of NTC, continuing to strengthen ties with other native organizations (CIRI, NNAI, etc.), strategize for our never-ending fight for our subsistence rights, methods of obtaining Tribally-owned land in the village and increasing our efforts for positive PR for NTC and the good things that we do here. This was the last Board Retreat for Gary Jackinsky and myself as a Director on the Board, and I have full confidence in our newly elected Board to carry out these goals generated at this retreat.

Clinic Suggestion Box/Customer Service Surveys! I would like to reinforce that we do have a suggestion box at the clinic, for comments clients and/or employees would like share— whether they had a particularly good experience they had at the clinic or something they see we can improve on. These comments will be collected by me personally and will be taken into serious consideration. We are planning to start asking clients if they wish to fill out a ‘customer service’ survey at the end of their visit at the clinic, whether it be at the annex or the medical clinic. So, in the future, be on the look out for that at the receptionist(s) desks.

Subsistence Rights! As covered in the Resource Departments report on page two of this newsletter, we are ardently continuing our fight for subsistence. If you or anyone you know has ever historically, or currently fish on Federal lands, please join arms with us and give us either a written testimony saying as such, or show up for the Federal Subsistence Board meeting in Anchorage January 10th-12th for verbal testimony.

Sincerely,

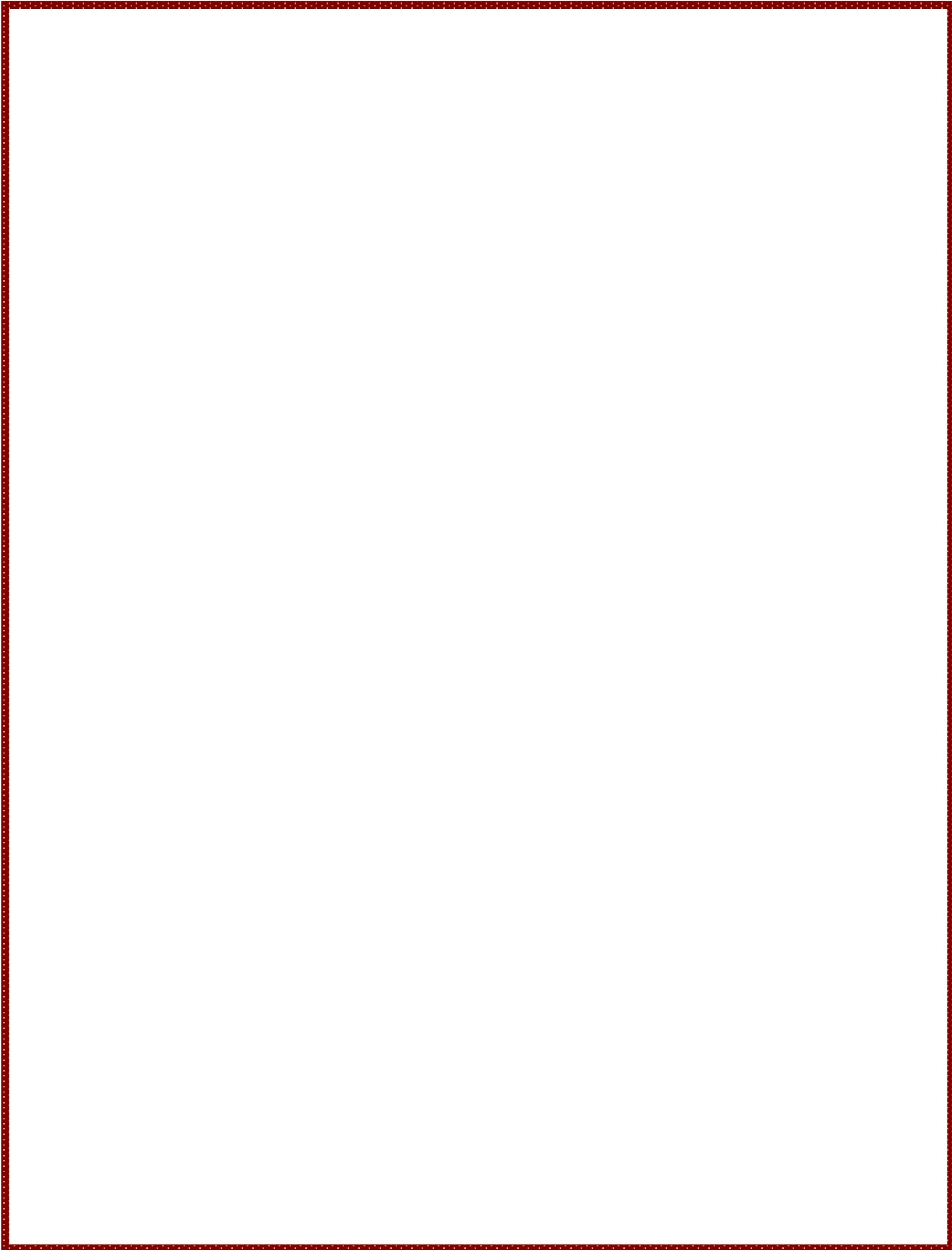


Ivan Encelewski

NTC Executive Director

*I hope everyone had a wonderful Turkey Day
and I wish everyone safe driving on these winter roads!*

DON'T FORGET OUR WEBSITE!!**www.ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov**



HOUSING



"May you have warmth in your igloo, oil in your lamp,
and peace in your heart." --Author Unknown

Hello Folks,

It's a girl!! On November 28th, 2005, Danielle Self, my housing assistant, had a healthy 7-pound baby girl! We hope to have her back by the end of December, but in the meantime, we congratulate Danielle and her family with their new baby.

Now for the rest of the story. This year we are facing an increasingly growing hardship on many of us with the high cost of fuel for our vehicles, along with fuel oil and propane as some of our primary sources of heat. At this time, we do not have a heating assistance program but I would like to remind you that I do have the Alaska State Energy Assistance Program applications here at my office. If you are in need and have not signed up for this program, you should come by and obtain an application as soon as possible. This program is set up to help low-income individuals of all races with their heating and electrical needs. Once you have been determined eligible, upon your recommendations, the State will establish credit accounts in your name with the vendors you use for fuel oil, propane and even your electricity. This can be spread out over all above sources or put all into one account- the choice is yours.

Along the same line, I would like to know if the Tribal Members would be interested in seeing a Heating Assistance Program started up through the Indian Housing Programs. I believe by restructuring the Emergency Program and allocating some of the funding utilized in that program for a Heating Assistance Program, we may be able to come up with something that can help our low-income Alaska Native/ American Indian families in the coming years. If you have any input on this idea, please forward them to me here at the NTC building.

Another item worth mentioning is if you are having problems where our Weatherization Program may be able to help out, such as windows, doors, insulation or caulking, please stop by for an application or go to our website on the Housing Programs page and at the bottom of the page. You will find all the Housing Program applications in PDF format, which you can download and review in the comfort of your home.

Then lastly, I would like to mention that NTC has a donations box here in the front office for offerings of food and gifts for families having a hard time this year. I bring this up as I am witnessing a heavy increase of families needing help. Through our verification/eligibility process I am observing that many of them will not be having Christmas gifts or even dinner without a little help from their neighbors. If you can donate a little something please drop it by the front desk at the NTC building.

Well, time to go and I wish you all a wonderful and safe Christmas. Until our next, have a safe and great New Years start.

Until Next Year,

Bob

Want your GED?

(General Education Diploma)

How about improving your basic skills?

We can help!

One day each month, an instructor from Kenai Peninsula College will be in Ninilchik to help.

Come to the Ninilchik Traditional Council or Library, or call Kenai Peninsula College at 262-0327 for more information.

Thursdays in Ninilchik

December 8th, 2005

January 12th, 2006

February 9th, 2006

March 16th, 2006

April 13th, 2006

We can help you:

- ♦ Earn your GED
- ♦ Improve your English and Math

LOCATIONS:

Ninilchik Traditional Council

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Ninilchik Community Library

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

No appointment needed



NTC Classified Section

Alaska Comfort Accommodations — Open all year. Affordable Rates. P.O. Box 39313, Ninilchik, Alaska 99639. Phone and Fax: (907) 567-3211. E-Mail: offbjea@yahoo.com

Alaska Ivory Creations — Gene Steik. (907) 398-7300. P.O. Box 39709, Ninilchik, Alaska 99639.

Arctic General Contracting — Andy Boyle — Licensed. Bonded. Insured. Phone (907) 567-1057. E-mail: ajsupply@alaska.net

Bull Moose Creations — Shareen Bock, Owner. Quilting — Embroidery — Crafts. P.O. Box 39136, Ninilchik, Alaska 99639. Phone: (907) 567-3954. E-mail: nuggets@acsalaska.net

C & K Enterprises dba Ninilchik Computer Repair — Phone: (907) 567-3428 Fax: (907) 567-3468. E-Mail: bandit1@acsalaska.net. SNOW PLOWING ALSO AVAILABLE.

Caribou Run Bookkeeping & Tax Services, Inc. — Debra j. Blakely, EA LTC. P.O. Box 2093, Kenai, Alaska 996121. Phone: (907) 283-8390 Fax: (907) 283-8391

Designs by Doris — Locally made & fine handcrafted beaded jewelry. (907) 567-3930

Eric's Nets — Build, repaired and store. Eric Kvasnikoff. 16030 Kwazi Street, Ninilchik, Alaska 99639. Phone: (907) 567-3408

Forget-Me-Knot Quilting — 11472 Kenai Spur Highway #1, Kenai, Alaska 99611. Toll free phone: 1-866-LETS-SEW. E-mail: forgetmeknot@alaska.com

High Five Awards and Engraving — Ray Bouwens. Truly memorable client service. 3307 Boniface Parkway, Lot 9A, Anchorage, AK 99504. Phone & Fax: (907) 337-1099. E-Mail: heapbigin-jin@yahoo.com

Jackson Enterprises — Scott Jackson, Owner. Home heating oil. Delivery to Ninilchik area. Phone: 262-4159. Cell: 398-4157. Fax: 262-4130

Just Foiled Printing — Virginia L. Olson. Custom printing for all reasons and all seasons! Phone: (907) 260-7461. E-Mail: justfoiled@hotmail.com

Monitor VBS — Mark Vial, Owner. Heating Products — Oil, propane, wood, non-electric, sales & service. 1225 Lake Shore Drive, Homer, AK 99603. Phone: (907) 235-9394. Cell (907) 399-1972

Mosquito Enterprises — Greeting Cards. T-Shirts. Jewelry. Note Card Sets. Phone: (907) 235-2140. E-Mail: info@mosquito-enterprises.com

Nature Alaska Wayside — Owned and operated by Jon James. Groceries. Video Rentals. Gifts. Espresso & More. Mile 117.5 Sterling Highway, Clam Gulch, Alaska 99568. Phone: (907) 260-6265. Cell: 252-5171

Peninsula Tank — Manufacturing septic and fuel storage tanks. AK D.E.C. APPROVED! Contractors and Dealers welcome. Please call for price list. (907) 262-5995 (907) 262-2976 (907) 262-6256.

Poet of the Earth Art Studio & Gallery — P.O. Box 39362, Ninilchik, AK 99639. (907) 567-3655 E-Mail: jsws@alaska.net

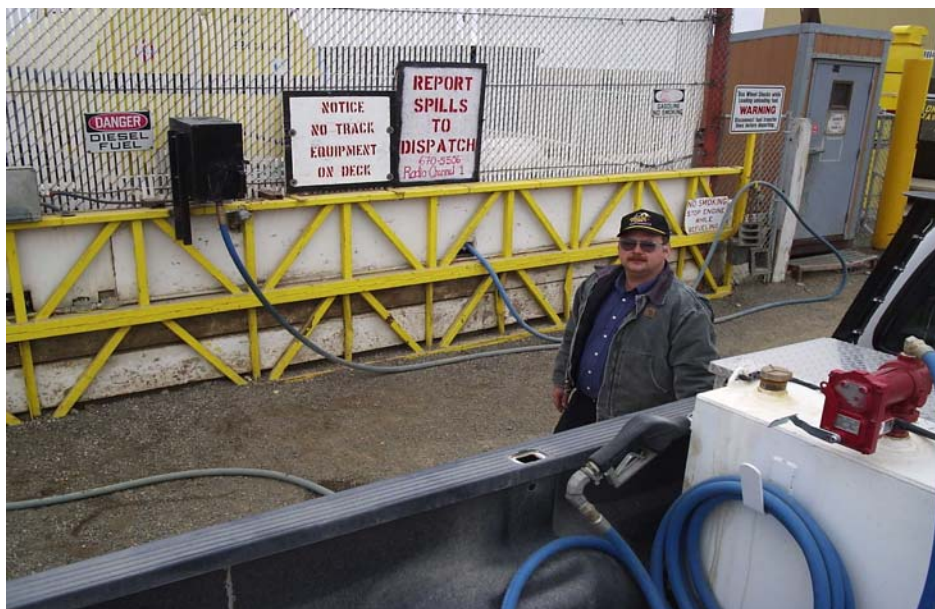
Quick Silver Truck and Auto Repair — Kirt Parkinson. Towing service and tire change-over/repair, computerized balancing machine. Snowplowing and sanding in the Anchor Point area. Licensed and insured. (907) 235-2197 (907) 299-0845

Resource Development — Box 39375, Ninilchik, AK 99639. Phone: (907) 567-3603. Fax: (907) 567-3530. E-Mail: rdc1@alaska.net

Environmental Programs Office

Green Star Recognition Awarded to NTC Tribal Member

Ninilchik Traditional Council Tribal Member Jack Kvasnikoff was recently recognized by the Green Star organization, for his efforts to put in place initiatives on behalf of Peak Oilfield Services that achieve notable environmental protection and efficiency standards for his employer and their operations. Peak Oilfield Services received its Green Star Award on August 22, 2005.



Peak's North Slope operations in Deadhorse provide support services for other oilfield service contractors; BP Exploration Alaska's Prudhoe Bay, Milne Point, Endicott and North Star operations; and Conoco-Phillips Alaska's Kuparuk and Alpine operations. Support includes hauling drilling-related waste fluid and solids, drilling equipment, construction services, and operating a fleet of water trucks, fuel trucks, vacuum trucks, dump trucks, compactors, graders, loaders, and cranes.

Peak, with the enthusiasm of Jack Kvasnikoff, put in place many initiatives to reduce water use, fuel use, and reduce generation and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes. Peak employees have gotten involved in all aspects of the Green Star program, from making suggestions for efficiencies to participating in water saving activities in their personal routines during their time on the Slope.

The Green Star Award is the original award on which the Green Star program was based. It is given to businesses, organizations, schools, and agencies that demonstrate a strong environmental and business ethic by implementing the eight Green Star Standards. These Standards encourage waste reduction within several media, as well as education and outreach. Examples of Standards topics include recycling, waste prevention, improved purchasing, outreach to other organizations, education of employees, reduction of toxic materials, water conservation, and energy efficiency.



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November 2005

Change of Address form

Name: _____

New Address: _____ Social Security #: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent or Sponsor for the following tribal members: _____

Has there been a name change? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, by ☐ Marriage ☐ Divorce ☐ Adoption

Old name: _____ New name: _____

If there has been a name change, please send in the legal document which authorizes your name change (i.e., marriage certificate or divorce decree).

Signature (of Tribal member or Parent/Spouse)

Date

Is your address current? Tribal member address changes must be submitted in writing to the NTC Enrollment Office in order to assure that the distribution of pertinent information can be sent to the correct address. The Enrollment Officer or other staff may not modify an enrollment file in any fashion even if it is known that the file may not be up to date.